Atty. Dkt. No. 076326-0261



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Uwe KLAIBER et al.

Title:

PASSENGER SAFETY DEVICE

FOR A VEHICLE

Appl. No.:

10/630,966

Filing Date: 7/31/2003

Examiner:

Unassigned

Art Unit:

3616

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 RECEIVED
JAN 8 0 ZUU4
GROUP 3800

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document, except as noted below, is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The USPTO has waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) to submit copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications when citing and submitting an Information Disclosure Statements in a patent application filed after June 30, 2003 and in an international application that has entered the national stage under 37 USC §371 after June 30, 2003. Accordingly, copies of these types of documents are not being supplied in connection with this application. Reference is being made to Pre-OG Notice from Office of Patent Legal Administration dated July 25, 2003, Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

All of the documents are in English.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 15, 2004

FOLEY & LARDNER

Customer Number: 22428

Telephone:

(202) 672-5490

Facsimile:

1

(202) 672-5399

Michael D. Kaminski Attorney for Applicant

Registration No. 32,904

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00) Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO			· ·	Complete if Known	OIPE
INFORMAT	ION DISCLO	SURE	Application Number	10/630,966	70
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT			Filing Date	7/31/2003	<u> </u>
			First Named Inventor	Uwe KLAIBER	111 4 5 2004 E
Date Submitte	eu. January	15, 2004	Group Art Unit	3616	g JAN 1 5 2004
use as many	sheets as ne	ecessary)	Examiner Name	Unassigned	Fil S
1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	076326-0261	ALC: ARCO
	INFORMAT STATEMEN Date Submitte	INFORMATION DISCLO STATEMENT BY APPL Date Submitted: January (use as many sheets as ne	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: January 15, 2004 (use as many sheets as necessary)	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: January 15, 2004 (use as many sheets as necessary) Application Number Filing Date First Named Inventor Group Art Unit Examiner Name	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: January 15, 2004 (use as many sheets as necessary) Application Number 10/630,966 Filling Date 7/31/2003 First Named Inventor Uwe KLAIBER Group Art Unit 3616 Examiner Name Unassigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Cite No.1	<u> </u>	U.S. Patent De	ocument		Date of Publication of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant
	Number	Kind Code ² (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
	B1	5,022,675		ZELENAK, JR., ET AL.	06-11-1991	
	B2	2002/0036395		BAKHSH ÉT AL.	03-28-2002	
····				-		
	 					
·						
					·	-

				F	DREIGN PATENT DOCUMEN	TS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	F Office	oreign Patent D	ocument Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
	В3	EP	0 980 796	A3	TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA	09-03-2003	ECENED	
	B4	EP	1 314 618	A2	NIHON PLAST CO., LTD.	05-28-2003	JAN 2 0 2004	
						GR	OUP sens	
							- a conf	

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶		

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. 2See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. 3Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. English language Translation is attached.